

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in addition to the Amendment filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 24, 2003. Favorable consideration of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

Applicants have made an editorial amendment to claim 19 and added new claims 22-27. The new claims are fully supported by the specification, Figures 6-10, and the claims as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered hereby.

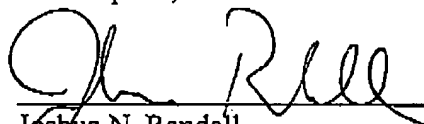
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions in regard to the foregoing, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney below at (612) 336-4755.

Respectfully submitted,

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